PATENT -- AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL Response Under 37 CFR 1.116--Expedited Procedure - Examining Group 2154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael R. Burke, et al.. : Date: August 28, 2008

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding objections and rejections of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

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